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Governor

KARL J. DREHER
Director

May 2, 2003

Lee Peterson, Watermaster
PO Box P
Shoshone, ID 83352

Re: Beaver dam near Adams Gulch Road

Dear Lee;

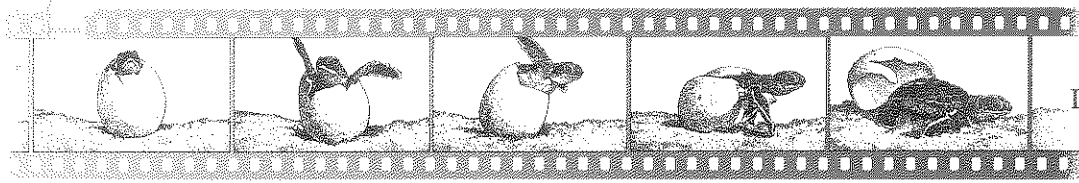
Enclosed is a letter we received in relation to the beaver situation near the Adams Gulch Road. Also enclosed FYI is a copy of the 9/24/2002 letter referred to in Mr. Dutcher's letter. The 9/24/2002 clarifies your responsibilities as watermaster in this matter and similar matters involving beaver problems.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Allen D. Merritt, P.E.
Southern Region Manager

CC: Tim Luke, Terry Blau - IDWR
Jim Dutcher



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Department of Water Resources
Southern Region

Dear Mr. Merritt,

At the request of Dave Parrish of Idaho Fish and Game and our consultant Bruce Lium, I have been asked to write you this letter.

I need your help regarding a creek issue in my neighborhood. Perhaps the Department of Water Resources policy letter of September 24, 2002 will help defuse this problem. Please let me explain.

There is a beaver dam located off of Adams Gulch Road, north of Ketchum. This dam provides water for a small eco-system, sustaining a large variety of aquatic, plant, bird and mammal life. This refuge has been designated as a National Wildlife Federation backyard wildlife habitat and runs parallel to the Big Wood River. This unique area which Dave Parrish is aquatinted with is approximately 200 yards in length. The water of this system then returns back into the river. Without the water from the beaver dam, this historic riparian area will dry out.

For the past two years, Lee Peterson, the Water Master in our area has had his deputies remove the dam causing great stress to the habitat which as been viable for decades. We thought that a letter from you to Lee Peterson, based on the Water Recourses policy letter would clear things up, and help preserve this important and beautiful area.

I again would appreciate any help you can give my neighbors and me in this matter.
Should you need to discuss this, please do not hesitate to contact me or Bruce Lium of
American Water Resources at (208) 788-2860.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Dutcher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" and last name "Dutcher" clearly distinguishable.

Jim Dutcher

Cc: Bruce Lium
Dave Parrish